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SUBJECT: TDY STATUS REPORT

1. KNAUF HAS REVIEWED CONTRACTS FOR ROOF REPAIRS AND R&R FACILITIES IN CAIRO WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:
A. ROOF REPAIR CONTRACT: A NEW CONTRACT WAS WRITTEN BETWEEN ESY AND LEVY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ROOF REPAIRS AT SFM. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE WORK IS COMPLETE AND FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO LEVY, SSM WILL HAVE TO MAKE ANOTHER DETERMINATION REGARDING THE ADVANCE PAYMENT INVOLVED AND THEN APPROVED THE CONTRACT. THESE ACTIONS CAN AWAIT KNAUF'S RETURN TO SSM WITH THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.
B. R&R FACILITIES. ESY HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH EMECO TRAVEL CHANGING THE CONTRACTING PARTY FROM SFM TO E-SYSTEMS INC. THE CONTRACT HAS ALSO BEEN CHANGED TO SPECIFY THAT THE ROOM RATE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT APPLIES TO SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IS INCLUSIVE OF A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO OTHER CHARGES ADDED TO THAT RATE. EMECO HAS ALSO AGREED THAT IF MORE THAN 10 ROOMS ARE REQUIRED THE ADDITIOANL ROOMS, IF AVAILABLE, WILL BE BILLED TO ESY AT THE SAME RATE. A WRITTEN AGREEMENT DOES EXIST BETWEEN EMECO AND MENA HOUSE OBEROI AND KAPPLE HAS AGREED TO OBTAIN A COPY. ASSUMVRG A COPY IS RECEIVED KAPPLE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FURTHER CHANGE THE ESY CONTRACT
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TO TIE ITS TERMS TO THE TERMS OF THE EMECO-OBEROI CONTRACT THUS PROVIDING INCREASED ASSURANCES THAT THE ROOMS WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE AT THE HOTEL AND THAT THE SSM'S INTEREST IN THE DEPOSIT IS PROTECTED.

2. SFM HAS SUBMITTED A VAT REFUND REQUEST TO THE IDF COVERING THE PERIOD JULY 1976 THROUGH DECEMBER 1976. THE REFUND

SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN DUE COURSE. ESY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT APPROXIMATELY 22,000 ISRAELI POUNDS WILL ALSO BE REFUNDED BASED ON THEIR PREVIOUS PAYMENTS OF DEFENSE TAXES ON THE JERUSALEM TELEPHONE LINE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS AMOUNT WILL APPEAR AS A CREDIT ON THE NEXT BILLING. A SIMILAR DEFENSE TAX REFUND IS ALSO TO BE MADE ON THE TEL AVIV TELEPHONE LINE IN THE FUTURE.

3. STATUS OF ADDITIONAL REPLACEMENT VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE COVERED SEPTTEL.
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